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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Response to Amendment***

1. The reply filed on 9/21/06 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

a. The amendments to the specification are not in correct form; pages cannot be replaced, and in fact, there is no request with the amendment to replace the pages. 37 CFR 1.121 requires the amendment to the specification to identify the specific paragraph to be replaced (i.e., "the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 1".

b. 37 CFR 1.121 also requires that all additions to the paragraphs be underlined (i.e., "102" was added to page 9, line 1 but not underlined). Care should be taken to ensure all additions are underlined and deletions are bracketed in the changes to the specification.

c. In claim 4 as amended, it is still not accurate to recite the steering idler as causing the bellcrank to rotate during steering.

d. The steering box still recited in claim 9 is not shown in the drawings.

e. The recitation in claim 9 of a single coincident suspension link is still not supported by the specification as amended.

f. The amendment to claim 9 deleting the steering link extending from the pitman arm to the steering idler member broadens the claim to the point that the claim may not be allowable (the previous action was a *ex Parte* Quayle, meaning the claims were allowable but for informal matters). It is noted features originally claimed but not illustrated may be "schematically" illustrated (i.e., a black box or skeletal representation

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may be added to the drawings with a stipulation in the specification that the added material is "schematic" – that is, not representing specific structural shape, location, etc.).

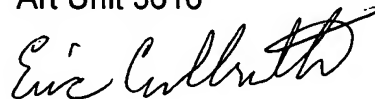
See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Eric Culbreth whose telephone number is 571/272-6668. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday, 9:00-6:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Paul Dickson can be reached on 571/272-6669. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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